

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 249

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize LaToya Ellington, 2005  
Salutatorian of Raleigh-Egypt High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, LaToya Ellington is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Raleigh-Egypt High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Ellington has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, LaToya Ellington has earned an exemplary 4.17 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a stellar scholar, Ms. Ellington is actively involved in cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, LaToya plans to pursue pre-medicine studies in college with an eye toward eventually becoming a pediatrician or a pediatric dentist; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous accolades during her high school career, including selection to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; she is also a William H. Sweet honoree and a Top Ten Senior; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Ellington is a member of the National Honor Society, Bridge Builders, Aspire, DECA, Mu Alpha Theta, the Spanish Club, and the Science Club; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Ms. Ellington volunteers her time and considerable talents as a PIRL tutor and in support of Bridge Builders, DECA, and several other worthy charitable and civic causes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellington's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college this fall and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jacqueline and Lawrence Thompson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, LaToya Ellington's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that LaToya Ellington, 2005 Raleigh-Egypt High School Salutatorian, is hereby honored and commended on her impressive academic achievement. We extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.